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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: EXBS ADVISOR'S REPORTING CABLE (JANUARY 2010)

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II. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS:

NONE

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD:

AA. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS CONDUCTED

11. January 14: EXBS Advisor and GSO visited two hotels in Astana as possible venues for the Annual EXBS Advisors Conference to be held in Astana, April 20-22.

22. January 20: EXBS Advisor met with OSCE Political Officer Andy Offenbacher to discuss OSCE engagement in border management in Kazakhstan. Offenbacher said that the OSCE has conducted two training sessions on border management and has sent four students to the OSCE Border Management College in Dushanbe. Future plans for OSCE include sending more students to the Border Management College and continued training programs with an emphasis on cross border cooperation.

33. January 21: EXBS Advisor met with Hardy Roehling, Chief Technical Advisor for Border Management Central Asia (BOMCA) to discuss the BOMCA training schedule for 2010 and the upcoming Regional Border Security Conference to be held in Almaty February 9-11. Roehling stated that BOMCA will hold a "train the trainer" course in Almaty February 8-13 and that BOMCA has scheduled several information exchange tours for the Kazakhstani Customs and Border

Guards to be conducted in eastern European countries during 2010. BOMCA will attend the Regional Border Security Conference at which he will make a presentation.

¶4. January 21: EXBS Advisor sent a personal letter to Mr. Duisebayev, Deputy Chairman of Customs Control Committee, asking for time critical information on upcoming training courses and visits. EXBS Advisor also requested mid-level meetings with Customs training staff to discuss progress on the "Polygon" training facility.

¶B. TRAINING COURSES CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

None

¶C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

None

¶D. IMMINENT TRAINING COURSES OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

TRAINING COURSES:

¶1. March 16-18, Government/Industry Outreach Compliance training in Almaty conducted by DOE/INECP.

¶2. May 3-7, Strategic Undercover Investigations Training Course to be conducted by DHS/ICE. (Dates remain tentative, awaiting Kazakhstani government approval).

¶3. May 10-14, International Rail Interdiction Training to be conducted at Sary Agash railway station by DHS/CBP.

¶4. May 17-21, International Rail Interdiction Training Course to be conducted at Merke Railway station by DHS/CBP.

EQUIPMENT:

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¶1. Alkor, contractor for Portable Shelters, has informed us that three shelters will be ready for delivery to sites on February 11.

¶2. Advanced Technologies, our contractor for X-ray machines, has received five X-ray machines for Customs and will complete installation at the ports of Shymkent, Karaganda, Zhibek Zholy, and Almaty by February 4.

¶E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY

None

¶F. CASPIAN SECURITY INFORMATION

None

III. RED FLAG ISSUES:

None

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